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Dear ~~Sir~~ Dr. *Lederberg*,

It is with a choked feeling that I have to notify you that during the night of May 13 to 14 our friend, Dr. A.J. Kluyver, passed away.

Even to us who were in contact with him almost daily, his death was entirely unexpected and untill the last day he was active and in seemingly good health. Friday he still gave his usual class-lecture; Monday morning he was found on his bed, already gone.

We are thankful that Kluyver passed away "in the saddle". He would not have wanted anything else. Yet at 67 his mind was still as keen as ever and we had hoped to keep him around active for many more years to come.

For me it was especially a personal privilege to have been able to resume again more personal contact with Kluyver during this last year of his life.

The large study, cluttered with books, and overlooking the canal, familiar scene to so many of us, will be strangely empty from now on. The little country of Holland, and Kluyvers many pupils here and abroad, are mourning a great man, not only a scientist of the highest caliber, but above all a friend with a noble character.

Cremation will take place Friday May 18 th.

Since it is impossible to write everyone of Kluyvers many friends personally would you please pass this information among the members of your organisation who knew Dr. Kluyver so well.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely,

J. C. Hoogerheide
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